Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

# Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 230489

20
ORIGIN SS-30

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /031 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/IB:TGMARTIN:MS
APPROVED BY EUR - WELLS STABLER
ARA/CCA - MR. SIMON (DRAFT)
ARA/CCA - MR. HOFFENBERG (DRAFT)
D - MR. SAMUELS (INFO)
EUR/WE - MR. JOHNSON
S/S-O: K.KURZE
---------- 058393
R 220334Z NOV 73
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LISBON
AMEMBASSY ROME

S E C R E T STATE 230489

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: CASC, CU, VT, PO
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LUNT FOR PERALTA PRISONER EXCHANGE

REF: LISBON 4239
ROME 12741 (NOTAL)

ROME FOR ILLING

1. U.S. CITIZEN LAWRENCE KIRBY LUNT WAS TAKEN PRISONER IN HAVANA IN MAY 1965 AND SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS ON CHARGES OF HARBORING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES AND ESPIONAGE. HE HAS BEEN IN JAIL SINCE 1965.

2. IN MARCH 1971, A PAPAL REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY RESULTED IN A CUBAN OFFER TO EXCHANGE LUNT FOR PERALTA. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HARMEL (LUNT'S WIFE IS BELGIAN) APPROACHED FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY, AND AMBASSADOR KNIGHT FOLLOWED UP WITH
SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 230489

CALVET DE MAGALHAES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. CALVET TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR IN JANUARY 1972, HOWEVER, THAT PERALTA WAS VALUABLE TO THE PORTUGUESE AND WOULD NOT BE EX-CHANGED.

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

3. IN VIEW OF GOP AMNESTY POLITICAL PRISONERS, EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH PORTUGUESE TO SUGGEST SWAP OF PERALTA FOR LUNT. WE REALIZE THAT GOP MAY BE PLANNING

TO EXCHANGE HIM FOR PORTUGUESE PRISONERS HELD BY PAIGC. WE WOULD OF COURSE UNDERSTAND IF SUCH A DEAL COULD BE BROUGHT OFF. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WANT TO MISS OPPORTUNITY HAVE HIM EXCHANGED FOR LUNT IF PORTUGUESE ONLY PLANNING TO TURN HIM LOOSE.

4. ROME FOR ILLING: YOU SHOULD INFORM VATICAN OF POSSIBILITY PERALTA RELEASE, PER LISBON 4239. IF VATICAN HAS NOT ALREADY INSTRUCTED NUNCIATURA IN HAVANA TO INTERVENE ON LUNT'S BEHALF, YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT ACTION BE DELAYED PENDING PORTUGUESE REACTION TO SUGGESTED EXCHANGE OF LUNT FOR PERALTA. KISSINGER

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

# Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z
**Capture Date:** 11 MAY 1999
**Channel Indicators:** n/a
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED
**Concepts:** PRISONER EXCHANGE
**Control Number:** n/a
**Copy:** SINGLE
**Draft Date:** 22 NOV 1973
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED
**Disposition Approved on Date:**
**Disposition Authority:** collinp0
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004
**Disposition Event:**
**Disposition History:** n/a
**Disposition Reason:**
**Disposition Remarks:**
**Document Number:** 1973STATE230489
**Document Source:** ADS
**Document Unique ID:** 00
**Drafter:** EUR/IB:TGMARTIN:MS
**Enclosure:** n/a
**Executive Order:** 11652 XGDS
**Errors:** n/a
**Film Number:** P750026-0004
**From:** STATE
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Image Path:**
**ISecure:** 1
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19731167/abqcejyc.tel
**Line Count:** 74
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
**Office:** ORIGIN EUR
**Original Classification:** SECRET
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Page Count:** 2
**Previous Channel Indicators:**
**Previous Classification:** SECRET
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS
**Reference:** LISBON 4239 ROME 12741 (NOTAL)
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED
**Review Authority:** collinp0
**Review Comment:** n/a
**Review Content Flags:**
**Review Date:** 18 SEP 2001
**Review Event:**
**Review Exemptions:** n/a
**Review History:** RELEASED <18-Sep-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <07 MAR 2002 by collinp0>
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**
**Review Referrals:** n/a
**Review Release Date:** n/a
**Review Release Event:** n/a
**Review Transfer Date:**
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a
**Secure:** OPEN
**Status:** NATIVE
**Subject:** POSSIBLE LUNT FOR PERALTA PRISONER EXCHANGE
**TAGS:** CASC, CU, VT, PO, (LUNT, LAWRENCE KIRBY)
**To:** LISBON
ROME
**Type:** TE
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005